

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The method defined in claim  
[[1]] 9 wherein said filaments are produced with a spinnerette and  
are then cooled.

3. (original) The method defined in claim 2 wherein  
said filaments are collected on a continuously moved foraminous  
belt.

4. (original) The method defined in claim 3, further  
comprising drawing air through said belt from below said belt in a  
region at which said filaments are collected on said belt with at  
least one suction device.

5. (original) The method defined in claim 4 wherein  
said filaments are treated with said wetting agent after the  
filaments have been collected into a spun-bond web on said belt.

6. (original) The method defined in claim 5 wherein  
said wetting agent is a surfactant.

1               7. (currently amended) The method defined in claim 6  
2       wherein said spun-bond webs and the layer are [[is]]  
3       hydrodynamically consolidated by training water jets thereon.

1               8. (new) A method of making a laminate comprising the  
2       steps of sequentially:

3               treating two spun-bond webs formed of endless  
4       thermoplastic synthetic-resin filaments with wetting agents;

5               applying a layer of hydrophilic fibers to one of the  
6       treated spun-bond webs;

7               applying the other of the treated spun-bond webs on the  
8       layer of hydrophilic fibers on the one treated spun-bond web; and

9               hydrodynamically consolidating together the two treated  
10      spun-bond webs and the layer of hydrophilic fibers between them.

1               9. (new) The method defined in claim 8 wherein the  
2       spun-bond webs are made by:

3               forming endless filaments of thermoplastic synthetic  
4       resin;

5               collecting the endless filaments; and

6               precompacting the collected endless filaments.

1               10. (new) The method defined in claim 9 further  
2 comprising the step of  
3               bonding together the endless filaments at crossover  
4 points.